

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 11, 13-24, 26, 27 and 29-32 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of dependent claims 4 and 6, and independent claim 17 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of dependent claim 20 and 22. Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 8, 11, 13-19, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27 and 29-32 have also been amended for stylist reasons unrelated to substance. Claims 4, 6, 20 and 22 have been canceled herein.

Applicants' representative thanks Examiner Opie for the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview on February 14, 2006. The Examiner initially contacted applicants' representative indicating that pending a final search, claims 6 and 22 appear to include allowable subject matter, and the application would be allowed if such claims were incorporated along with any intervening claims into respective independent claims 1 and 17. Applicants' representative requests that the Examiner enter the supplemental amendments in accordance with the telephone conversation.

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [ALBRP393US].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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